

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/18/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 04/26/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgment

1. In view of the appeal brief filed on August 18, 2007, prosecution is hereby reopened. An official action is set forth below:

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20, and 22-24 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of records are U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0044197 to Lai and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0215560 A1 to Amalraj et al.

4. Regarding the claimed terms, the Examiner notes that a "general term must be understood in the context in which the inventor presents it." In re Glaug F.3d 1335, 1340, 62 USPQ2d 1151, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Therefore the Examiner must interpret the claimed terms as found on pages 1-24 of the specification. Clearly almost all the general terms in the claims may have multiple meanings. So where a claim term "is susceptible to various meanings, ... the inventor's lexicography must prevail...." Id. Using these definitions for the claims, the claimed invention was not reasonably found in the prior art.

5. The primary reference Lai (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0044197 A1) teaches a system and a method for designing and implementing web services. The web services architecture include meta-components, each having different architecture components to interact with each other. Lai further notes that each meta-component may include different components and services and that the service requestors may access the services from a variety of mobile devices or a browser. Lai specifically notes in a fund transfer scenario that this process may invoke the authentication and the associated entitlement services to determine whether the client is a valid user, and whether the client is authorized to access the fund transfer service.

Lai however does not teach at least "selecting one or more allowed financial account functions from a plurality of financial account functions stored in a data store, wherein the allowed financial account functions are selected based upon the network address and the identified protocol; and in response to identifying the protocol and determining that the network address is not registered, selecting the one or more allowed financial account functions from the plurality of financial account functions stored in the data store, wherein the allowed financial account functions are selected based upon the identified protocol.

Moreover, the missing claimed elements from Lai are not found in a reasonable number of reference(s). Yet even if the missing claimed elements were found in a reasonable number of references, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would not have been motivated to include these missing elements in an embodiment in the Lai disclosure because: such would have changed the basic

working principles and the operation of Lai which is silent on selecting one or more allowed financial account functions from a plurality of financial account functions based on the network address and the identified protocol.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants disclosure.

- Schrader et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,881) discloses Personal Online Banking with integrated online statement and checkbook user interface.
- Judd (U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0233317 A1) discloses Method and System for transferring Funds.
- Bleumer et al (U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0028790 A1) discloses Security Module for an Account Management system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is **(571) 272-6838**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Andrew Fischer** can be reached on **(571) 272 - 6779**.

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